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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002 (the "Restriction Requirement") in the above-identified patent application.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22.

Please add the following claims 23 - 25: